

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-2. (canceled)

3. (previously presented) A stairlift chair as claimed in claim 24, further including locking means operable to lock the position of said belt with respect to said reel carrier, said chair being characterised in that the act of engaging the fixing component of said reel carrier to the fixing point causes said locking means to operate.

4. (previously presented) A stairlift chair as claimed in claim 3 wherein said locking means operates to lock said reel within said reel carrier.

5. (previously presented) A stairlift chair as claimed in claim 24 further including retraction means to retract said belt into said reel carrier.

6. (canceled)

7. (previously presented) A stairlift chair as claimed in claim 24 wherein the point at which said belt enters and exits said reel carrier is surrounded by a support member.

8. (previously presented) A stairlift chair as claimed in claim 7 wherein said support member has a degree of flexibility which is less than the flexibility of said belt.

9. (canceled)

10. (previously presented) A stairlift chair as claimed in claim 24 including two spaced armrests, the free end of said belt being attached to one of said armrests, and said reel carrier being removeably connectable to a fixing component attached to the other of said armrests.

11. (original) A stairlift chair as claimed in claim 10 wherein each of said armrests includes a forward edge and a rear edge, said containment device extending between points on said armrests closer to the forward edges than said rear edges thereof.

12. (previously presented) A stairlift chair as claimed in claim 11 wherein the point of connection between said reel carrier and said armrest is within the sight of a stairlift user.

13. (previously presented) A stairlift chair as claimed in claim 24 including a further belt configured to, in use, pass over a shoulder of a user, said further belt being connected to, or being adapted to connect to, said reel carrier.

14-18 (canceled)

19. (currently amended) A stairlift chair having a containment device, said containment device having a housing comprising a fixing component; a reel carrier displaceable toward, and engageable with a fixing point on a lateral side of the stairlift chair via said fixing component; a reel rotatably mounted within said reel carrier; a first belt fixed at one end to said chair and at the other end to said reel for winding on to, and from, said reel; and a second belt fixed at one end to said chair and at the other end to said reel carrier, one of said first and second belts being fixed at a lateral side of the stairlift chair opposite the fixing point and configured to pass over the lap of a user and the other of said first and second belts being fixed to a raised point on the stairlift chair on the same lateral side as the first belt and configured to pass over a shoulder of a user.

20-23. (canceled)

24. (currently amended) A stairlift chair comprising:

- (a) a chair having a front, a back and including two spaced lateral sides;
- (b) means for attaching said chair with a stairlift rail; and
- (c) a containment device, said containment device comprising

a fixing point mounted on or adjacent one of said spaced sides;

a reel carrier having a housing sized and shaped to locate comfortably within a users hand and having a fixing component integral with the housing, which fixing component is engageable with the fixing point;

a reel rotatably mounted in said reel carrier;

a length of belt wound onto, and fixed at one end to, said reel and having an opposite free end, wherein the opposite free end is fixed on or adjacent to the other of said spaced sides, and wherein said reel carrier is displaceable laterally between said spaced sides to position said fixing component for engagement with said fixing point.